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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN KIDNAPPER MAY RETURN HOME

EMBOFF HAS LEARNED THAT RHADAMES MENDEZ VARGAS, ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE 1974 KIDNAPPING OF PAO HUTCHISON IN SANTO DOMINGO, IS PLANNING TO RETURN TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THIS POSSIBILITY CAME TO LIGHT THROUGH A NEWS ITEM MENTIONING A DESPEDIDA IN HIS HONOR AND WAS CONFIRMED BY A COLLEAGUE OF HIS AT A LOCAL RADIO STATION. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN HE WILL RETURN. REPORTEDLY, MENDEZ VARGAS BELIEVES IT IS NOW SAFE TO DO SO, SINCE HIS "FRIENDS" WILL BE IN POWER (PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO RECENT ELECTION OF ANTONIO GUZMAN). MOORE

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